

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – FAQs

## HUNGARIAN VOLUNTARY RETURN, REINTEGRATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAM

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### How long does the procedure take?

The identification process is carried out by the Hungarian Immigration Authority and can take up to one month to complete. IOM Budapest Operations Department will organize the travel arrangements upon the completion of this process, a received copy of the application form, and approval from the Hungarian authorities. The overall length of the procedure varies per individual case and factors, such as the Immigration Authority's approval, the issuing of travel documents, the availability of flights, and any other special needs of the returnee.

### Who can apply for the Hungarian Voluntary Return, Reintegration and Information Program (HVRRIP)?

- Asylum-seekers
- Refugees
- Beneficiaries of subsidiary protection
- Beneficiaries of temporary protection
- Non-EU nationals, who are in Hungary without regular status

### Why should I return with IOM's assistance?

IOM is a professional organization working to help vulnerable migrants return home safely in an orderly and dignified manner. Returning home with IOM's assistance is a humane alternative to deportation and is often the only solution for a migrant's immediate plight. Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) can be advantageous for the migrant, the host, and the receiving country. The travel is free of charge- IOM will cover all of the travel expenses and will arrange for an escort if necessary. If considered a vulnerable case, you are eligible to apply for reintegration assistance.

### Which country will IOM take me to?

IOM will organize travel to your country of origin, which is assigned in your passport.

### Can I apply for HVRRIP if I do not have a passport or other necessary documents?

Yes you can apply, however the process will take longer as the appropriate travel documents must be obtained from the designated embassies before your return.

### Can I use this return service again/more than once?

No, within the framework of this programme you can only return home ONCE.



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## Why is Assisted Voluntary Return better than deportation?

- You travel is free of charge and in a safe, dignified and orderly manner
- Easier, faster and assisted transit is guaranteed if you have to change flights during your journey
- You are eligible to apply for reintegration assistance

## What type of financial support can IOM offer to me?

IOM does not offer any financial support upon departure to migrants. Vulnerable returnees and returnees with chronic medical conditions are eligible to apply for reintegration assistance. If the returnee's reintegration plan is approved, they may receive a grant up to 700 EUR as reintegration assistance.

To be eligible for further support, you can apply with IOM for complex reintegration assistance (see enclosed information material for more details).

## What is the Complex Reintegration Assistance?

This project aims to offer complex reintegration grants in-kind of a maximum of 2500 EUR. Beneficiaries should meet the following requirements:

1. Beneficiaries need to participate in reintegration counselling. This will help beneficiaries find the best option of generating income in their country of origin, gain training and experience, as well as take the local economic circumstances into account.
2. Beneficiaries need to prepare and submit a detailed reintegration plan. The reintegration plan must include an income-generating activity to be pursued by the applicant. The applicant can choose from several options such as a business start-up, a business partnership, a salary subsidy, on-the-job training and vocational and language training. It is possible to select more than one income-generating activity.

## Am I eligible for Reintegration Assistance?

Utilizing IOM's worldwide network, IOM provides reintegration assistance to irregular third country national migrants returning to their country of origin from Hungary. IOM strives to provide individualized voluntary return and reintegration plans to persons who contribute to sustainable integration into their community. Maintaining close links with other IOM project services in the country of return support the migrant's transition from the host country to the country of origin. While reintegration support generally follows a validated standardized approach, flexibility remains an important aspect of the assistance provided. Generally, reintegration assistance includes the following:

- Reception assistance in country of origin
- Reintegration planning that includes in-kind support to pursue small business income generation, vocational training, schooling or other such support to facilitate integration
- Follow-up monitoring and support

This package can be utilized for, inter alia, small business planning and vocational development combined with limited financial assistance.

## Is there any deadline for applications?

Applicants should submit their reintegration plans by 31 May 2020.

